including anaesthesiologists are using acupuncture for pre and post-operative analgesia, chronic pain and allergies.

(c) As the Acupuncture training is already available in the country, there is no proposal under consideration to take the assistance of the Governments of China and Japan to train our acupuncturists.

Theft in the prohibited area of Calcutta Airport

1277. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aircraft parts and other equipment worth lakhs of rupees have been stolen from the hangers of Indian Airlines in the prohibited area of Calcutta airport;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of aircraft which have been grounded or are likely to be rendered unserviceable because of such theft of spare parts;

(d) whether any investigations have been made into the thefts;

(e) if so, the details of the outcome there af; and

(f) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY |AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) 42 panels of Boeing-737 aircraft were found missing on the 27th of April, 1990 from the Indian Airlines Maintenance area at Calcutta airport. These panels were parts of wing leading edge, trailing edge flaps and engine and pylon area.

(c) No aircraft was grounded or is likely to be unserviceable because of the theft of these aircraft parts.

(d) to (f) A case has been registered with the West Bengal Police on the 27th of April, 1990. Results of the investigations are still awaited. Indian Airlines security has intensified patrolling around the maintenance hangar. Besides, International Airports Authority (IAAI) has been approached from time to time by the Indian Airlines to clear the wild vegetaion around the maintenance hangars and provide adequate lights.

Performance of ECL and BCCL

1278. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that despite seven million tonnes increase in coal production during 1989-90 the performance of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. have been dismal;

(b) if so, what was the over all production of these subsidiaries during the periods 1988-89 and 1989-90 and what is their respective share in the total output of coal during these two years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that despite an increase of seven million tonnes in the overall coal production of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) during 1989-99, the performance of one of its subsidiaries viz. Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL), which fell short of its production target of 30.90 million tonnes by 6.44 million tonnes, has been dismal and the pertormance of one of its other subsidiaries viz. Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL), which fell short of its production target of 27.50 million tonnes by 0.88 million tonnes, has been unsatasfictory.